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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Title:

The Title of the Application has been amended to: -- An Apparatus for Placing Components on Printed Circuit Boards --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest all of the limitations of the claimed invention including an apparatus for placing components on printed circuit boards with a dry atmosphere component storage area, wherein the component storage area maintains a dry atmosphere without baking the components.

The Applicants' affidavit filed on 14th October 2004 (Cf. Declaration of Frederick Giacobbe), which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though it was fully written, is persuasive to the issue of patentability.

Any comments considered necessary by applicants must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tim Phan whose telephone number is 703-605-0707. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9AM - 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter VO can be reached on 703-308-1789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1148.

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CÅRL J. ARBES PRIMARY EXAMINER

Tim Phan Examiner Art Unit 3729

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